

# Roosevelt In Darkest Africa

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*Jungle Association Decides on Protective Auxiliary for Only Living Ex-President's Visit.*

*Supreme Strenuousness Test in Search for Wild Bongo as Well as Elephant, Rhino, Hippo, Lion, Tiger, etc.—Erring Aim Means Gravest Peril When Beasts Are Corralled—Cost of Expedition About \$15,000—Over 100 Men Needed for Expedition.*

"THIS meeting will please come to order," roared King Leo, rapping for order upon Vice-President Jumbo's hard cranium.

"This executive committee has summoned the members of the East African Jungle association, post haste, to assemble here for the purpose of organizing the Theodore

Roosevelt must fire. If his aim for any reason fails, it's time to climb trees. For experts point out that just at that moment when the bullet falls of its mission, the savage male will charge.

Hunting the rhinoceros takes a lot more science than that which is needed for the lion in African jungles. The rhino is more savage when wounded and as cunning as



Roosevelt Protective auxiliary," continued the chairman.

The giraffe was on his feet in an instant, demanding recognition with both hind feet and his neck.

"What? Protect Roosevelt? You go—" "Sit down!" again roared King Leo. "The gentleman from the tall pines will please not get so flustered." Then turning his back upon the giraffe, he continued: "The object of the auxiliary will be to afford as much security for the members of this society as may be obtained by cautionary measures within our commonwealth. The motion having been made, I find that the majority are in favor, therefore I declare it adopted. Following are the officers of the auxiliary: Leo, chairman; Bongo, secretary; and Stripes, chairman of the committee on predatory privilege. The chairman of the auxiliary will report resolutions March 4, 1909. Until that time we stand adjourned."

Dr. Monk, who had been kidding Sergeant-at-Arms Rhino, official bouncer, because the latter had just begun to see a joke which the former told at a previous meeting, had darted into the sheltering branches of a coconut palm but was compelled to return upon feeling the giraffe chewing at his tail. The latter having mistaken Mr. Monk's tail for a coconut leaf, cleverly changed the subject by introducing the Roosevelt question again.

"Say, old man, I don't know whether this auxiliary is just the best thing with election coming on. Supposing the jungle guards should be called out during the primaries. Where would we get off at? You see that auxiliary list of officials is with the opposition and it'll be just like them to call out your voting strength to trail the ex-president. I know how it is in my precinct, and I guess you know where the Congo river bunch stand. Well, so long, Doc. Don't throw any mushy coconuts at Theodore if he sees you first."

The habitues of the jungle disbanded and went their ways, the party in power determined that the only living ex-president, when he became such, should not get the upper hand when he made his visit to Africa in search of game and the opposing minority determined to keep one eye on Roosevelt and the other on King Leo's bunch.

Bear shooting in the canebrakes of Louisiana or trailing Bruin in the Rockies is tame sport alongside of that which Theodore Roosevelt will find in East Africa when he goes there after his term of office expires. It will be necessary to take over 100 men on the hunting expedition, if he goes after all the big game to be found, and, judging from what the cartoonists say about him, it will be his purpose to deplete the fastnesses of the dark continent to the greatest possible extent. How will he



LUCKY SHOT AT MR. RHINO  
WADING THROUGH THE MUD IN SEARCH OF WATER



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show up against the lion, elephant, bongo, hippo, rhino, zebra, tigers and smaller animals? From indications, the Democrats declare, there will be no jungles when Theodore leaves.

Five thousand pounds of ammunition will be needed, six months' food is an absolute necessity and an expert declares that the cost from the time he steps onto the continent until he leaves will aggregate about \$15,000. That is a large amount of money to put into six months' hunting, but British and German sportsmen say it is worth the price.

The real heart of the hunting regions of Africa is in Rhodesia. There are cannibals there, also hostile tribes, but Rooseveltian diplomacy may become a splendid asset, and backed up by his fighting experience gained on San Juan hill and in sparring bouts with the senate, there should be no serious danger.

One of the features of the expedition will be shooting lions by night. This has been authoritatively announced by the magazine which is to pay Mr. Roosevelt \$2 a word for his stories of the hunt. In stalking lions by night the president must use an automobile headlight, which African archers say King Leo hates. He dislikes it so much that each season several dozen natives are killed and carried away while carrying jungle torches. The lair of the lion must be baited with a live donkey. One of the hired help holds the light and the president holds the gun, always in readiness to end Leo's career on sight.

When the king of beasts is sighted, the native swings the spotlight full upon him and in the same instant that the lion is dazed by the glare, Mr.

the cleverest of beasts. The ones we see with circuses look as if they couldn't run fast or far. Perhaps they can't, but the one who is disturbed in his lair is declared to be the fastest thing afoot. The shot which is meant to kill the big brute must be placed just behind the shoulder. For there the skin is exceptionally soft and the bullet will pierce his heart. Huntsmen say the safest precaution against disaster is to hit rhino there first. The same precaution holds true in the case of the elephant and hippo. Both are tough-skinned animals and terribly ferocious when cornered. His prey having been killed, the aides with the president will set to work to skin the beasts.

But the most sought animal is the bongo, after which every African hunter is keen. It's the rarest animal on the dark continent. According to one wealthy European, the market price for a single specimen is \$6,000. The bongo is wilder and more timid than the American deer.

The great continent of Africa for centuries has held civilized peoples in a hypnotic state. It simply teems with mysteries and to get at the bottom of these, thousands of lives have been snuffed out by wild beasts, natural formations of the country and the novelists as well. Statistics, gathered between the years of 1801 and 1876, have it that over one-third of the works of fiction of those generations were based on the darkest continent.

Arabs, Portuguese, Dutch, French, Teutons and Britons have held sway in that order in the most populated parts of Africa. French, Dutch, Germans and English are still prevalent there and evidences of the subjects of Portugal and the wandering Arabs are still to be found in the style of building, customs and costumes.

The classes of Livingstone, Speke and Stanley tell us what it was once like and now we are to have a present-day rehearsal by Roosevelt himself. Africa confronts the traveler with the grandest, most mysterious, most difficult touring proposition that is to be found the world over.

## ROAD AND FARM IMPROVEMENT

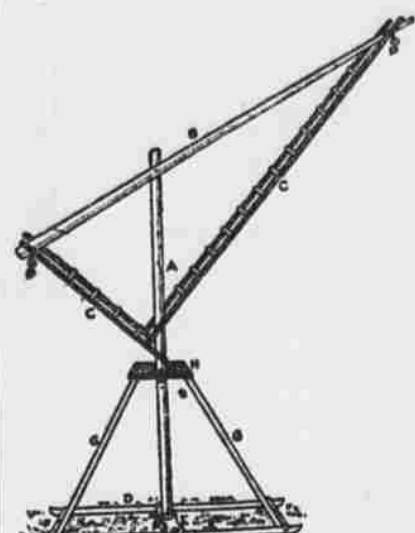
HAY STACKER.

Derrick Which the Farmer Can Make for Himself.

The derrick consists of two principal parts, a revolving boom pole or crane, which swings in a complete circle, and a frame work for supporting the crane. The crane part is made with an upright mast 25 feet long and ten inches in diameter at the base, with an iron band and iron pivot pin at the base; pivot pin should be 1 1/2 by 12 inches or larger.

This mast supports a boom pole 33 feet long, five inches in diameter at small, upper end. It should be bolted to top of mast, 11 feet from the butt. The top should be about 32 feet from the ground when in position. This boom pole should be supported by a pair of long poles for the top and a pair of shorter poles at the butt as braces. The butts of these braces should be bolted to the mast at about the center, as shown in diagram. A pulley should be hung at each end of the boom pole.

The base of the supporting framework should be of two poles about eight inches in diameter and 18 feet long, the underside of each end rounded up, sled-runner style. These poles should be 15 or 16 feet apart. Near each end a cross piece about six inches



in diameter should be bolted, also a heavy cross stick across the center 10 or 11 inches in diameter. The upright mast is pivoted to the center of this stick, forming the lower bearing. The upper bearing should be about 11 feet higher, made of a platform, four feet square, of plank two or three inches thick. This is supported by posts about five inches in diameter, the base of the posts bolted or toenailed to the sled runner, near each end of runner and about 14 feet apart. The tops of the posts support the upper platform of plank. The center of the platform is cut out to receive the revolving upright mast forming the upper bearing. It is better to protect the mast at this place by a thin steel plate about 6 to 12 inches or larger, also it is better to have two plates at bottom of mast with holes for the pivot pin in center of the plate.

To give the supporting framework additional strength and stiffness, explains Hoard's Dairyman, it is usual to attach two long braces from the bottom of each of the four sides to the opposite upper corners. A rope of pure manila three-fourths or seven eighths inch size is large enough. If harpoon or other horse forks are used three pulleys and 80 feet of rope are sufficient; 115 feet and four pulleys, if slings are used.

A. Mast 25 feet long. B. Boom pole 33 feet long. C. C. Braces with cleats nailed on for convenience in climbing. D. D. Foundation poles 18 feet long. E. Lower bearing.

### GLEANNINGS.

A too big farm is a money loser. Sweet clover is a valuable plant for hard land, as it improves the soil. Little attention has yet been paid to the matter of best grasses for each locality.

If it is desired to destroy cut worms, the ground should not be plowed till just before freezing.

In the growing of potatoes, a thrifty, stocky vine must be secured to get a good supply of potatoes.

If clover will not "catch" something is the matter with the soil, and that something had better be discovered.

Summer is a good time to plow land, when the supply of moisture in the soil is such that the turned furrow crumbles easily.

### Ventilating Cellars.

Many people are asking how to ventilate the cellar in summer. First, do not open all the windows and let the wind blow through at all times. Hot air let in on cold iron pipes, stone walls, foundations, etc., will condense and cause dampness. Then the iron will rust. During very warm weather no wind at all should be allowed to enter the cellar and of course in order to prevent this the doors and windows must be kept shut tightly. Another plan suggested is to keep one window open all the time on the east side. This ventilates a clean cellar adequately and the temperature varies but slightly, no matter what the temperature may be outside.

CONTRARY, INDEED.



Kitty—Isn't she the most contrary thing?

Betty—Why so? Kitty—She's been coaxing and coaxing me to go to her picnic, and I won't do it.

A Slander.

Squaggs—Why did the butcher beat up Longley?

Squaggs—Slander.

Squaggs—What'd Longley say?

Squaggs—Said he saw a dog down in the butcher's licking his chops, and a lot of customers quit before it was explained that the dog was licking his own chops.—Toledo Blade.



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